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FOR LT. GEN. BRETT FROM DCM CONSTABLE

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SUBJ: EXERCISE SHAHBAZ

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1. SINCE WE HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDING ANKARA AS INFO
ADDRESSEE ON OUR CABLES ASSESSING THE POLITICAL SITUATION
IN PAKISTAN, AND IN VIEW OF BRITISH DECISION TO STOP
DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO PAKISTAN FOR SHAHBAZ, I WANTED TO
PASS ON TO YOU SOME OF OUR THOUGHTS.

2. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IN KARACHI IS UNSTABLE.
A CURFEW HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON THE CITY IN LIGHT OF YESTER-
DAY'S ALTERCATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION
SUPPORTERS WHICH LEFT BETWEEN 15 AND 30 KILLED. WE UNDER-
STAND FROM CONGEN KARACHI THAT CITY WAS QUIET THIS MORNING,
APRIL 21, WITH COMPLETE CURFEW EFFECTIVE AND WITH ARMY
PATROLLING. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE SENT AN
ADVISORY CABLE TO NEIGHBORING POSTS RECOMMENDING THAT
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OFFICIAL AMERICANS NOT PLAN TO TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN FOR
THE TIME BEING.

3. SINCE THE PAKISTAN MILITARY IS SPONSORING SHAHBAZ
HOWEVER, AND SINCE THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSURE THE
SECURITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS, OUR VIEW IS THAT YOU SHOULD
PLAN TO ATTEND THE EXERCISE. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT

IF WE CANCEL OUR PARTICIPATION IT MAY WELL BE READ AS A
SIGNAL BY THE GOP THAT WE WOULD NOT FIND HELPFUL IN THE
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WILL
PROBABLY BE KEPT UNDER FAIRLY TIGHT WRAPS BY THE PAK
MILITARY, BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY SITUATION, SO THERE WILL
PROBABLY BE NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR EITHER TOURING THE
AREA OR SHOPPING. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT IF THE SITUATION
HERE TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORSE, AND WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD
RECONSIDER YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SHAHBAZ, WE WILL LET YOU
KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

5. I AM SORRY WE WILL NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER
WHEN YOU ARE HERE, SINCE I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO THE
OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH YOU AND TALKING OVER MATTERS
OF MUTUAL CONCERN. BEST OF LUCK WITH SHAHBAZ; WITH WARM REGARDS.
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